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Internal Feuds Split NSA As Parley Opens at Md. U.

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The National Student Association begins its 20th Congress today at the University of Maryland with prospects of internal squabbles and what could amount to a rump congress sponsored by a student left group.

Some 1,500 student delegates arriving today on the College Park campus will encounter the first controversy of the two-week congress at a 7 p.m. symposium, the first general session.

Three participants in the discussion of NSA's involvement with the Central Intelligence Agency abruptly withdrew yesterday.

See Alternatives

"We now see that there are alternatives to both the symposium and the NSA itself..." read a telegram from Andrew Kopkind, former writer for the New Republic; Sol Stern, assistant managing editor of Ramparts Magazine, and Michael Wood, former NSA staff member, who originally disclosed the organization's subsidies from the CIA.

A spokesman for a radical student group, Students for a Democratic Society, said the three speakers withdrawing from the symposium are expected to speak under SDS auspices on the campus at a place to be announced. John Fuerst, one of the SDS national officers, said he did not know whether the university or the NSA congress would grant a space for the speakers to be heard.

"They may have to speak on the grass outside," he said.

State Police Called

Reports that SDS planned to have a large group of students on campus yesterday, as NSA officers and a small number of

student leaders held meetings, concept is expected to come up led to several Maryland State for debate.

Policemen being assigned to the registration center at the Armory and at various campus gates. Fewer than 10 SDS members were around the center.

The small SDS contingent found another issue when the Congress steering committee voted to exclude from official sessions anyone but official delegates, registered observers and University of Maryland students who register.

"This decision is, consistent with the manipulation and secrecy which enabled NSA to successfully carry out its relationship with the CIA for over 10 years," charged Joff Jones of the SDS staff.

An NSA spokesman said past congress policy has been to limit attendance to delegates and registered observers. He said SDS had refused to register which costs \$45, but can be waived.

Caucus Seeks Changes

Within the official convention a caucus of delegates seeking major changes in NSA policy will argue their positions at conference sessions.

Steven E. Press, a delegate from Columbia University, said specifics have yet to be decided upon, but the caucus generally believe that SDS is undemocratic because its direction is in the hands of "student leaders, an elitist group, rather than the rank and file student."

His caucus may take a position on social issues or may just concentrate on trying to change NSA into a student union.

A resolution supporting the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the black power

Since the disclosure that the CIA subsidized NSA, the organization has gained 30 affiliates and now has about two million members.

Last week W. Eugene Groves, NSA president, announced that the organization had severed its last connection with the CIA when headquarters buildings provided by the government agency were turned over to the student group.

Yesterday Groves issued a statement to the three panel participants who withdrew from tonight's symposium. He said: "I can only conclude that the forthright announcement of the severing of the final tie between the CIA and NSA has left too radical critics with no basis for their criticism..."

The discussion will be held with original panel members, Groves; Carey McWilliams Jr., government professor at Oberlin College; Robert Amory Jr., a former CIA official, and the addition of Sam Brown, NSA supervisory board chairman.

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